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THE HENRICO CONTEST.

It seems to us to be too late in the action to be discussing the pros and cons of the contest between Brauer and Todd before the County Committee. The case has passed beyond that stage. The question now is whether Brauer or Todd is the regular nominee, and that involves the question of party law and party organization. In other words the simple question is whether the County Committee, or the State Central Committee is the supreme authority. If the County Committee had "exclusive jurisdiction" in this case, Mr. Todd is the nominee; if its action was subject to review and reversal by the State Committee, Mr. Brauer is the nominee.

That is a question which each Democrat must decide for himself. As for The Times-Dispatch, it has no personal choice as between the two candidates, and has not championed the cause of Mr. Brauer. But it is very clear to us that in all such cases affecting party discipline and party harmony, the State Committee is supreme. The County Committee rendered a decision in the Brauer-Hochler-Todd contest, and the case went to the State Committee on an appeal by Mr. Brauer, and it was understood by the members of that committee that all parties to the contest had agreed to abide by the result.

The supreme committee reversed the decision of the subordinate committee, and declared that Brauer was the regular nominee. We thought, of course, that that settled the contest, but the County Committee refused to yield, and awarded the certificate of nomination to Todd. And so the authority of the supreme committee of the party was ignored and defied.

It is idle, we repeat, to discuss the merits of the contest between Brauer and Todd before the County Committee. That is like discussing the testimony in the lower court of a case that has been finally decided by the Court of Appeals. It is also idle to discuss the question whether or not the State Committee had jurisdiction. The supreme committee decided that it had jurisdiction, and its decision can only be reviewed by the State convention which clothed it with power "to decide all questions which may arise in election districts calculated to affect the harmony and interests of the party."

This was such a question, and the State Committee decided it in the manner that seemed to it right. There is a clash of authority, and Democrats of Henrico are called upon to decide which tribunal they will recognize and obey. There can be no doubt as to which is supreme.

TRUE PRIMARY SERVICE.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, has adopted resolutions binding the commissioners and clerks at the coming State primary election to serve the people without pay, and the New Orleans Times-Democrat hopes to see all the other parties pursue the same course. It says that in Mississippi the election officers made no charge for their services at the recent primary, "thus rendering it possible for the counties to charge only from \$1 to \$2.50 for the expenses of a gubernatorial nomination—that is, for placing the name of a candidate for Governor on the primary ballot."

All this goes to show that the primary election system is very near the hearts of the Democrats of Louisiana and Mississippi. They value it so highly they are willing to make sacrifices to ensure its success. They know that if candidates should be heavily assessed the effect would be to work hardship upon men of meagre means who might aspire to office.

In Virginia we hear objection made by some to the primary system on account of the tax it imposes upon candidates and because it requires more or less time on the part of the voter to go to the polls. Of all the arguments advanced against the primary, the latter is the weakest we ever heard. How can it be contended that it takes more time for a voter to go to a voting precinct than to a public meeting?

If the voter wishes to do so, he may go to the primary polls, deposit his ballot, shake hands with his old friends, and leave in fifteen or twenty minutes. But if he goes to a precinct or court-house meeting, the odds are three to one that he will have to stay there two hours, while the meeting is being organized, speeches are being made, etc.

Now, as to the expense of primary elections. Whatever they may have been in years past, they are not now very expensive to candidates. In substantiation of this statement, we have only to appeal to the affidavits of candidates who appeared in this year's primaries, which affidavits are on file for public examination. The pure elections law made the expenses of candidates light. The affidavits show that the average candidate spent very little money.

Whether the Democratic party of Virginia can get suitable men to serve as officers of election free of charge is a question. Some persons high in party affairs incline to the opinion that we could not safely count upon doing so. With unpaid officers, they fear "hitches" might occur in some localities and that the results of the primary would thus be brought into question. But at least the Democratic party can limit the primary election expenses and make them as little of a burden to candidates as possible.

If the party will do that; if they will see to it that the pure elections law is enforced, a State primary need not become a bugbear to any candidate on account of expensiveness.

Let the friends of the primary election system see to it that next year's plan shall be as perfect and as inexpensive as possible.

POULTRY AND EGGS.

According to statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture, the value of all fowls on farms in the United States is \$85,794,000. The estimated number of chickens in the country is 250,000,000, producing for market in one year poultry worth \$136,000,000 and eggs worth \$144,000,000, a total value of about \$280,000,000. This, it is held, represents an income of 400 per cent. on a similar investment. The use of the incubator has made it the duty of the hen to devote her whole time to the production of eggs. How faithfully she has performed her duty may be estimated from the fact that last year 1,200,000,000 dozen of eggs were produced in the United States. This alone 232 eggs to every man, woman and child in the country. Except for 1900, the egg product of the United States has exceeded in value that of their combined gold and silver output for every year since 1850. The same statement is true of the poultry product, save for the years 1859 and 1900.

AN HONORED NAME.

Rev. Dr. William M. Dame, is this week celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary as rector of the Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, of Baltimore. It is an interesting occasion for many people in Virginia where he and his family are so well known. He is a son of the late Rev. Dr. George W. Dame, of Danville, who, for more than fifty years was rector of the Church of the Epiphany in that city. Dr. Dame was a pioneer in that section of Virginia, and no man did quite so much, perhaps, to advance the cause of religion. He was in the true sense a consecrated man and splendidly loyal to his God and the church, which he served. He never took thought for himself, but gave his time and talents and money, and the best that was in him for God and humanity. He was the Grand Old Man of the Episcopal Church in that part of the diocese, and the son in Baltimore is worthy of the honored name he bears and the church he represents.

Mrs. Evangeline Jewett, of Concord, N. H., convert to the doctrine of the farm Alexander Dowie, has sold her farm for \$15,000, and of the proceeds has sent \$3,000 to Dowie. Mrs. Jewett says she believes in Dowie, and declares "God showed me that it was best to dispose of the farm and send the money. It was a hard thing to do, as it was the homestead, but I am confident that I have done right."

Isn't that pitiful? Dowie is a very rich man and has more money than he knows what to do with. He is living in luxury at a swell hotel in New York, and his wife and son are preparing to take a trip abroad. Yet he will doubtless take this widow's mite, and put it in his pocket, with a "peace be with you, my sister."

During the progress of a foot-ball game at Annapolis on Wednesday last, one of the players died of "heart failure." It seems to us that boys who engage in this strenuous sport should be carefully examined from time to time by a physician in order to determine whether or not there is any physical weakness which would make it dangerous for them to play. Such a precaution would doubtless have saved the life of the Annapolis lad.

A few days ago in the course of a charge to a grand jury, Judge Gary, of the Richmond, Ga., Superior Court, attacked the State law which allows negroes to be beneficiaries in part of school taxes paid to the county and State by whites. The jury suggested that the creation of a public sentiment would lead to the repeal of the present condition of affairs.

That may be so, but it would seem that the discussion of the question was out of place in a charge to a grand jury.

Cardinal Gibbons says that Catholic ladies cannot well take upon themselves to regulate the customs of society, situated as they are in this country. Therefore, he would not say that they should not meet married divorced people in general gatherings. But he would advise them neither to invite such people to their social functions nor accept any invitations from them to attend them.

Democratic party prospects in Greater New York have received a "boost" in the surrender of Boss McLaughlin, of Brooklyn. He and his fellow insurgents have endorsed the whole Democratic ticket. The election of McClellan, Democrat, for Mayor over Seth Low Fusionist-Republican, is considered probable. However, the New York Sun, which favors Low, says the betting quotations are 10 to 9 offered on Low, and 5 to 10 bid by the McClellan men.

McClelland would rather have his boy able to "build a great bridge like

the Brooklyn Bridge than to receive the highest honor that the people could bestow upon him."

Right. There are hundreds of men in this country who are more or less fit to be President, but only a few could plan and build such a bridge as that over and across East River.

During their stay at Versailles the apartments formerly occupied by Louis XV. were reserved for the King and Queen, those of Mme. de Maintenon for the President, and those of Marie Antoinette for Mme. Loubet. The guests were particularly interested in the apartments of Marie Antoinette, and they found many objects of interest in the Petit Trianon.

Charles S. C. is making preparations for the entertainment of the Daughters of the Confederacy at their annual meeting to be held there in November. The City Council has voted the help asked of it. That will be an interesting meeting. Important action will be taken then, doubtless, with respect to the Jefferson Davis monument.

Mrs. Roger A. Pryor's book, "The Mother of Washington and Her Times," probably will be a great success. It contains a great store of information about the life and habits of the colonial dames and maidens, their accomplishments, dresses, etc.

The extra session of Congress was called to discuss Cuban reciprocity, but the eminent statesmen will hardly let it go at that.

The Hon. Mr. Gorman seems to incline to the opinion that a serenely silent man is what is wanted in the White House.

It is, perhaps, safe to bet that Jim Tillman has not engaged the services of a press clipping bureau.

The season for bad colds is at hand. The season for good ones will never come.

An immense Democratic meeting favorable to the election of Ildore Hayner as United States senator to succeed Mr. McComas was held in the Music Hall, Baltimore, Wednesday night. Mr. Rayner was the chief speaker.

A reproduction of the Merrimac-Monitor tussle with Roman candle effects would be a good thing to entertain the veterans with off Newport News.

The assembling of the Legislature next month will be in the nature of a sad "home coming" for quite a number of the members.

The political situation in New York city is daily losing its West India hurricane appearance as the lines are being more closely drawn.

Indian summer is not indigenous to Virginia soil. It flourishes in New England, in the West and in fact all over the country.

The careless drayman who ran into Candidate Brauer denies that he was campaigning for the opposition.

It is up to the President's tailor to arrange the hip pocket so as to avoid future six-shooter displays.

Wall Street will be glad to learn of Dowie—how he made such a big pile in so short a while.

And now what we want to know is Prophet Dowie's opinion of Dr. Parkhurst.

A partially deaf poll holder would try the finishing touches on old vice voice.

Anyhow, King Alfonso will not visit these shores in his search for a wife.

In yesterday's stock market, even the wires went down.

A Few Foreign Facts.

The German government has awarded the title of "Excellency" and has admitted to membership in the Prussian Privy Council Professor von Behring, of Marburg, the famous discoverer of diphtheria serum. This is the first time such an honor has been bestowed on a physician.

Lord Donerale, who has just celebrated his birthday, is one of the best amateur skaters in England. His predecessors in the game were the Duke of Devonshire and the Duke of Devonshire's fox which had been a pet in the family for years.

Swallowing is no longer an effective method of hiding stolen property. At the recent trial of a man charged with the theft of a watch, the judge, after twenty minutes of the trial, ordered the jury to retire and the case was dismissed.

The shoemakers at Madrid recently combined to encourage dancing, with the object of wearing out much "low leather" as possible. They hired several dancing halls, and charged 6d. admission. Each dancer was given a ticket for twenty of which entitle the owner to a new pair of shoes free of charge at the union store.

The celebrated German weather prophet, Dr. Rudolph Fabi, has just died near Berlin at the age of sixty-five. He first studied theology, which he abandoned for the study of meteorology.

President Loubet, of France, is as fond of sports and outdoor life as our own President. He loves nothing better than to escape from court duty and go on a hunting expedition. He is well read, fond of music and an admirer of painting.

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KAUPELT—Died, October 22, 1903, at the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Southernland, No. 100 Nicholson Street, the infant son of Samuel L. and Mary E. Kaupekt, aged one year and seven days.

FUNERAL from the residence of Mr. F. A. French, 1212 Duncas Street, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

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ANCILLARY RECEIVERS

Will Take Charge of Prudential Building Association.

NEGROES REGISTERED

The Court Decides in Favor of Thirteen of the Applicants—Secretary Moody, of the Navy, to Visit the Norfolk Navy Yard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Oct. 22.—Judge Martin, of the Court of Law and Chancery, today appointed Enoch Harlan and James Preston, of Baltimore, ancillary receivers for the Prudential Building Association. They will take charge of the affairs and property of the concern, the latter being valued at \$40,000.

The proceedings here were on motion of the Baltimore creditors, George W. Taft, et al.

Napoleon Bonaparte Jones, Fourth Ward leader of the Trehy faction to-day offered to bet Councilman B. Gray Tunstall of the Dey faction, \$500, to go to any charitable institution, if Tunstall can name sixty voters in the Fourth Ward who will swear they voted for the Executive Committee candidates on the Dey ticket.

NEGROES REGISTERED.

Thirteen of the negroes who sought to compel the registrars to accept them were their case before Judge Prentiss, and the remaining fifty-eight became discouraged and abandoned their cases. Their raising the assessments on their property was held to be fraudulent by counsel for the registrars.

SECRETARY MOODY COMING.

Secretary Moody, of the Navy Department, will arrive here to-morrow morning to inspect the navy-yard in this city. Secretary Moody has never before visited the great yard at this point, and it is hoped that his visit will be productive of much good to the yards.

Mr. Moody will come from Washington to Hampton Roads aboard the Dolphin, and at Old Point he will be met by a tug sent from the yard by the commandant. Upon his arrival he will be accorded the honors due his rank.

"PA" BRADLEY WELL

Rumor that He Was Ill Proves to Be Ill-Founded.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 22.—A rumor was current to-day that Robert Bradley, the well known horseman, familiarly called "Pa" Bradley, had been taken seriously ill. These rumors are unfounded, however, as "Pa" Bradley was a very conspicuous figure this afternoon in the paddock of the North race track, where he was trying to pick up a few honest dollars and looked in the best of health.

OBITUARY.

R. B. Lacy.

Mr. Richard B. Lacy died at 7 o'clock Saturday morning, at his home in New Kent county, Va., of heart failure. He was 60 years of age, and had suffered a long and painful illness. He leaves his widow and ten children as follows: Mrs. O. B. Tate, Mrs. C. W. Bessant, Oct. 22, and Mr. Lacy, of Richmond; R. E. Lacy, of Charlottesville; Nannie and Jennie, O. C. S. E. and R. T. Lacy, of New Kent.

Walter E. Leber.

Mr. Walter E. Leber died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Leber, in the city of New Kent, Va. He was 40 years of age, and had suffered a long and painful illness. He leaves his widow and ten children as follows: Mrs. O. B. Tate, Mrs. C. W. Bessant, Oct. 22, and Mr. Lacy, of Richmond; R. E. Lacy, of Charlottesville; Nannie and Jennie, O. C. S. E. and R. T. Lacy, of New Kent.

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Infant Dead.

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The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. The interment will be made in Oakwood.

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MAIN WEDDING GREENSBORO

Reunion Week Followed by Week of Unions.

EIGHT COUPLES IN 2 DAYS

Charming Daughters of the Old North State Going Out to Other States.

Some of the Marriages.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., October 22.—Last week was reunion week in Greensboro. This has been the union week, for with six new married couples here yesterday and last night and two this morning, the very atmosphere seems impregnated with matrimony. The worst of it is, the State's charming daughters are being carried to other States to enrich them with their splendid characters.

Among the marriages yesterday and today the charming Miss Carrie Sparger, of Mount Airy, will bless and adorn a home in Tennessee; Miss Mary Belle White, of Greensboro, will grace the social and domestic realm of the District of Columbia, under the Minotree; Miss Joe Benbow, of Oak Ridge, as a model pastor's wife, will shed the radiance of her noble life on the Virginians as Mrs. Blair; Miss Dena Armfield has allowed that historic Guilford county name to become obliterated from her proud entitlements, and as Mrs. Melvin will help to enrich the blood of Alabamians; Miss Tempy Byrnes has permitted South Carolina's Medlin to divorce her from the Old North State, and will henceforth claim the palm-tree as her shield, if not her weapon.

MICHAUX-CARRAWAY.

West Market-Street Methodist Church was filled to overflowing at 6:30 o'clock last evening by friends and relatives of Miss Lela Carraway and Mr. John Sumnerfield Michaux. The church was beautifully decorated with palms. The bride, handsomely gowned in blue silk, with hat to match, carrying a bouquet of white roses, entered the church with her bridesmaids, Messrs. John J. Neimold of honor, Miss Annie Michaux, preson, William W. Michaux, John Gilmer and E. D. Broadhurst, while Mrs. Myra Armfield rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march, accompanied by the church orchestra of four pieces. At the chancel Miss Carraway was met by the groom and his best man, Captain R. P. Gray. The ceremony was performed by the venerable father of the bride and the senior member of the church, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Carraway.

Mr. and Mrs. Michaux left on the 7:10 train for a trip to the mountains of Western North Carolina, to spend several weeks.

MELVIN-ARMFIELD.

At Claggs Hotel yesterday at 5 o'clock Rev. J. H. Rich, of the Baptist Church, officiating, Mr. A. C. Melvin, a popular young business man of Pell City, Ala., and Miss Dena Armfield were united in marriage. Miss Armfield is a daughter of the late Mr. J. C. Carraway, and her friends here. After a sumptuous supper to the bridal party the couple took a southbound train for their distant home in Alabama.

MEDLIN-BYRNES.

At Proximity Church last night at 9 o'clock Mr. James Amos Medlin, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Tempy Byrnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Byrnes, of Durham, were united in marriage. The bride couple took the midnight train for North Carolina, and will reside at Charleston, S. C., where the groom is foreman of a large factory plant.

SHIELDS-HARTSELL.

This morning, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Grand Daniel, at 11:30 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Turrentine, of West Market-Street Church, officiating, in the presence of many relatives and friends, Miss Flora Hartsell, an accomplished lady of this city, and Dr. L. M. Shields, of Charlotte, were married. Dr. Shields is one of the successful practitioners of Moore county, and the many friends of the bride here, while congratulating him on his acquisition, regret the loss of a highly esteemed young woman to the community.

POLICE CASES.

Luther Holder, who has been in jail here under a charge of betrayal, brought by the father of the lady, in Davidson county, was carried to Lexington by Dr. J. S. Holder to-day, where Holder's father says he can arrange the necessary bond for his appearance at court.

Mr. C. L. Lackey, of this city, some time ago entertained a white man from Winston, who gave his name as Ed. Vaughn, but he was not arrested until yesterday, when he was found in Winston county, where he had been hiding. A preliminary trial Vaughn was bound over to court, and in default of a \$50 bond was placed in jail.

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On the 19th day of August, 1903, Mr. R. E. Bell was admitted to this hospital from the county of Albemarle, Va., for my summer vacation, permission having been granted by the board. Dr. S. H. Bell was in charge of the hospital during my absence for two weeks and received Mr. Bell when he was brought to the hospital, the papers being placed in his hands by the traveling agent.

Just as soon as it was reported to me that Mr. Bell had killed himself, I sent for the coroner. He decided that it was necessary to have a jury, and thereupon had one summoned. When the jury arrived, at the request of the coroner, I read the commitment papers to them and accompanied them to the room where the dead body lay untouched. When the jury adjourned to another room to consider their verdict, I told them that I would go to my office, but if they needed me to call me.

They considered their verdict, and I understood, examined Dr. Southall, the night watchman and the three attendants on the ward, but they never sent me, nor did the coroner or any member of his jury ask me a question, nor did he consider do me the justice to come to my office to notify me of the verdict of the jury.

This you can see the manifest injustice done me by the jury. Referring to their sentence for me. Referring to the exact language of the coroner's jury, taken from an official copy, we find these words: "From the evidence we find that he had the freedom of the hospital grounds since the first few weeks of his confinement. We find further from the evidence that neither the physician in charge, the ward attendant nor the night watchman were informed that he had been admitted to the hospital, and that he was a patient of suicidal tendency. From these facts it appears to the jury that a grave oversight has been committed by the authorities of the hospital in not giving such information and such instructions as would better protect a patient committed as one of marked suicidal tendency."

Now, as a matter of fact, when patients arrive at this hospital the attending physician is sent for the papers given him to examine and the attendants notified, through him or the supervisor, of the character of the case.

With and why the "grave oversight" in this particular case should have occurred I cannot understand, and I am inclined to think there has been defects of memory on the part of those testifying. The patient had the privilege of the grounds for more than a month, at times assist-

POTOMAC SYNOD MEETS

Reformed Church Body in Session at Salisbury—Dies from Injuries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 22.—At a meeting of the North Carolina Synod, held in the Reformed Church here to-day, Rev. H. A. Holshouser, president of the North Carolina Synod, and Mayor A. H. Boyden, of this city, were elected. Dr. J. J. Schick, of Wash. R. D. C. was a masterful effort and was heard by a large audience. To-day work of the synod, the hearing of reports, etc., with reference to various synodical matters. To-night's session was given to the discussion of missions and mission work in the United States. Rev. Mr. Dumas, a mission worker of Pennsylvania, delivered an impressive sermon on Northern missions, and Rev. Mr. Heller, who is in charge of certain mission work in Western North Carolina, spoke on Southern missions. The sessions of the synod are well attended and much interest is shown.

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